



# On Campus

A monthly publication for the faculty and staff of Greenfield Community College

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## Alumni/Foundation office in full swing

*An open letter from Colleen Johnston, director of the Greenfield Community College Foundation and director of alumni relations ... sometimes known internally as director of development:*

"The GCC Alumni/Foundation Office is open and available to all members of the GCC community during normal working hours—and often during irregular hours. Please feel welcome and encouraged to stop by to see the nostalgic pictures on the bulletin boards, to share the most current address and telephone number of a favorite alumna or alumnus, or to inquire about an activity or event sponsored by either the Foundation or the alumni. Your questions, comments, concerns and suggestions will always be listened to and, when action is appropriate, followed. We, Kathleen Meredith and I, are located in C232 and can be reached at extensions 270 and 271 respectively.

"If you have received a grant from the GCC Foundation for fund year 1992-93 and you find yourself in the position of needing to access that grant, we ask that you familiarize yourself with the new forms that are available in our office. Fill out these forms and attach the necessary receipts well in advance of the date you or an identified recipient actually need the funds.

"It is our intention to have signed checks available for pick-up on the Friday afternoons closest to the middle and end of each month, provided we have received the required documentation in ample time to do so. Please observe the traditional fund year deadlines; that is, fiscal year 1992-93 began on July 1, 1992 and will end on June 30, 1993.

"We excitedly look forward to a growth-filled year, particularly in terms of attracting increased financial support for GCC and the educational process.

"Thank you for your assistance in helping to make the process work!"

## 'Math Connection' receives funding for a fourth season

*The Math Connection, GCC's award-winning cable television mathematics program for students in grades three through seven, has received a \$61,705 grant to fund its 1992-93 season, which began the first week in November.*

For the first time, *The Math Connection* will be cablecast in Bernardston and Northfield, joining Amherst, Buckland, Conway, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Hatfield,

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## Richard Knowlton elected chair of alumni council

The results of elections to the 1992-93 Alumni Council, held at the August 19 Alumni Meeting, are as follows:

Chair—Richard Knowlton

Chair-elect—John Murphy

Secretary—Nancy Mayberry

Membership Committee—Jane Bensché

Admissions Liaison—Polly Billiel

Student Representative—Donna Walden

Alumni Trustee—Cynthia Lively

Reunion Co-Chairs—Jane Abbott and Valorie Knowlton

For those of you who are new to campus this fall, *On Campus* is a newsletter for employees. In addition to news of other people and programs on campus and personnel news, we're interested in hearing about your accomplishments, both personal and professional. Just send a note to Kathleen Meredith or Russell Powell in the office of public relations. Despite our late start, we're hoping to get *On Campus* onto a regular monthly schedule, so let us know about coming events on campus that may be of interest to your fellow employees.



# People

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As this is the first issue of **On Campus** for the fall semester, the following compilation dates back to the beginning of the summer. We know, however, that this is not complete, and that we have undoubtedly missed some items of interest. Send them along and we'll get them in—soon. Better late than never!

Sue Belcher, secretary for Group III (business/natural sciences/mathematics), and her husband David celebrated the birth of a son, Samuel Ross, on June 30. Especially noteworthy of the big event was his size—ten pounds, four ounces!

Director of Grants Steve Budd and Anne Wiley, professor of early childhood education, sold their house in Bernardston and moved into a new home in Gill with their daughter Elizabeth on October 30.

Electrician Perry Cole married Shirley Soulia on June 27 at First Baptist Church,

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## 'Math Connection'

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Haydenville, Leeds, Montague, Northampton, Shelburne Falls, South Deerfield, Sunderland, Westhampton and Williamsburg as towns that receive the program, now entering its fourth year. Check your local listings for dates and times!

The program is funded by the Dwight D. Eisenhower Mathematics and Science Education Act and awarded by the Massachusetts Higher Education Coordinating Council.

## Send us your items!

If you've added a relative, changed addresses, volunteered in your community, won an award, given a speech, had a paper accepted or anything else you can think of of note lately, we'd love to hear from you! Send your items to Kathleen Meredith or Russell Powell, and we'll call you if there are any questions.

Greenfield. As a result of this union, Perry happily inherited a six-year old stepdaughter, Lisa Ann Blackmer. The new family will continue living in Greenfield.

Kate Finnegan, professor of early childhood education, has been accepted into the Asian Development Project at Middlesex Community College, and attended her first meeting on October 27. Details to follow!

Laurie Gullion, director of Adventures Unlimited, has had a new book, *Nordic Skiing, Steps to Success*, published by Human Kinetics Publishers. The book provides simple, step-by-step instructions for three different types of Nordic skiing: classical, freestyle and Nordic downhill.

Congratulations to Ken Ketchum, technical assistant in the academic computer center, and his wife Judi! Their son, Luke, was born July 5, weighing seven pounds, eight ounces.

More babies! Joe Lada, a producer for *The Math Connection*, and his wife Sandy Staub, both GCC graduates, had a daughter, Billie Sandra Lada, on August 31. Billie weighed in at seven pounds and one-half ounce, and was 19 inches tall. Joe also performed with his band, The Bobby Darling Show, at a mid-day celebration

marking the first day of classes September 8.

Jane Lerner, coordinator of the Learning Assistance Programs, and her husband Rob had a boy, Dylan Arthur Belknap-Lerner, on September 17. Dylan weighed seven pounds, eight and a-half ounces and was born 19 inches tall.

Professor of Geology Dick Little was featured in the October 1 cover story in the *Valley Advocate*, "Autumn on the Rocks," for "revolutionizing the field of armored mudball geology".

Dirk Mayhew, graduate of the class of 1992, reports that he "married his honey," Charlotte Reed, in August. Congratulations! Much happiness to you both!

Russell Powell, director of marketing and public relations, and Anne Teschner, director of the Valley Community Music School, made a presentation in October to several sixth grade classes in the Amherst public schools on television advertising in the recent presidential election. Powell and Teschner produce and direct Primal Time Television, a cable television comedy program.

Russell and Anne also organized a 10-kilometer (6.2 miles) road race, the Amherst Arts Classic, to benefit the Amherst



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Community Arts Center on October 24. Among the event's 65 runners were **Bob Schilling**, director of information services, and his wife **Debra**. **Mared Alicea**, director of cooperative education, also volunteered, registering runners before the race.

Mathematics professor **Peter Rosnick** has had a paper, "Empowering Students with *The Math Connection*," accepted for publication by *Arithmetic Teacher* magazine. Peter also reports that *The Math Connection* and the Northwest Consortium for Mathematics and Science have joined with North Adams State College this semester to offer a one-credit graduate course, "Open-ended Problems for Elementary and Middle Schools." The course is taught at GCC by Peter, faculty member **Linda Dodge** and **Anita Kimball** of Greenfield's Federal Street School.

Peter, Anita, Acting Assistant Dean **Linda Cavanaugh**, and *Math Connection* Director **Karen Green** made a presentation at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics conference October 29 in Hartford.

Dean of Academic Affairs **Ira Rubenzahl** was a presenter at a National Science Foundation conference for two-year colleges on "obtaining access to NSF funds to improve science and math instruction," held at Bunker Hill Community College October 2. Among the conference's 150 participants were Acting Assistant Dean **Linda Cavanaugh**, mathematics professors **Lindy Gougeon** and **Sue MacLeod**, and

**Dan LaRose**, professor of psychology.

President **Kay Sloan** was honored as Mercyhurst College's 1992 Distinguished Alumna of the Year at Mercyhurst's Homecoming Celebration September 19 in Erie, PA. Kay is a native of Erie and graduated from Mercyhurst in 1964. She was selected by the Mercyhurst Alumni Association's board of directors for the honor in recognition of her professional accomplishments and for her contributions to higher education.

**Barbara Smead**, assistant for financial aid, attended the CSS Financial Aid Institute in Danvers, MA, for intensive financial aid training the week of August 2-7.

Associate Academic Dean **Mirrless Underwood** spoke on "Death Professional Meets Cancer" in Peterborough, NH, as part of the Monadnock Hospice fall speaker series on October 20. Mirrless will be a keynote speaker for "Boundaries and the Balanced Lifestyle," a series of continuing education retreats that will be offered at Green Mountain at Fox Run in Ludlow, VT, in January and February.

Switchboard Operator **Cynthia Wheeler** (formerly Keyes) became the bride of **George Wheeler, Jr.** on June 20. The event took place aboard the Mt. Mills boat on Lake Whitingham in Wilmington, Vermont. Family and friends from north and south of the Mason-Dixon line attended the wedding. The couple will continue to reside in Jacksonville, Vermont.

Professor of Sociology **Ken Wilson** has become a grandfather! His grandson, **Maxwell Allan Wilson**, was born April 3.

**Rob Yacubian**, coordinator of transfer, has been elected co-chair of the Massachusetts Community College Transfer Counselors Association, which meets monthly during the academic year to discuss transfer issues between the public and private colleges as well as publishing guides for student use. This is a two-year term. Rob also starts his fourth year as a member of the board of the New England Transfer Association, comprised of two- and four-year public and private colleges. The group holds annual three-day meetings to facilitate a better flow between colleges.

### Library expands children's collection

The library has been reorganizing and upgrading its children's book collection, providing a wider variety of books for the college community and the larger community to use. Until this year children's books have been used primarily by students in the early childhood education program and members of the public who have sought out books for their children. The library staff invites students and staff to browse among the books and to take them home for their children, or for their own pleasure.

A small group of people with ties to GCC have been developing their vision of creating

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## New (and returning) faces

GCC welcomes these new full-time and part-time faculty and staff who have joined us since the beginning of the summer:

**Patricia Barrows**, x301, counselor, The Learning Assistance Center, half-time (substituting for Jane Lerner who is on family leave). Patricia received a BS from Lowell State College and a M.Ed. from Boston State College.

**John Canon**, x262, technical assistant, Media Center, full-time. John holds three associate degrees from GCC.

**Ruth Carey**, 774-6866, counselor/trainer, CAPS Program. Ruth has a bachelor's degree from Otterbein College.

**Kit Carpenter**, x331, instructor, English as a Second Language, full-time. Kit has previously taught part-time at GCC. She received her BA, MA and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.

**Susan Childs**, x428, instructor, LPN Program, full-time. Susan has a BA from St. Anselms and an MA from Westfield State College.

**Jeff Coulson**, x274, coordinator, Project ADAPT. Jeff holds a BA from Ohio Wesleyan University and an MA from Antioch New England.

**Steve Crofter**, x345, director, Commercial Drivers License literacy program.

**Pearl Duffney**, x428, secretary, LPN Program, half-time.

**Laura Earl**, x315, secretary, nursing, full-time. Laura has an associate's degree from Bay Path.

**Charlotte Gifford**, x313, instructor, Foreign Language, full-time. Charlotte, who has taught at GCC on a part-time basis, earned her BA from Tufts University and her MA from Middlebury College.

**Melinda Gougeon**, x325, assistant professor, math, from part-time. Melinda graduated from

GCC and has a BA and MA from Smith College.

**Ron Kim**, x357, instructor, art, full-time. Ron has a BFA from the Rhode Island School of Design and an MA from UMass.

**Penne Krol**, x357, instructor, art, full-time, from staff assistant. Penne is a GCC graduate, and has a BA from Smith College and a MFA from UMass/Amherst.

**Susan MacLeod**, x326, instructor, math, full-time. Susan's BA came from the University of York (England) and her MA from Boston University.

**Kathleen Meredith**, x270, secretary, public relations and GCC Foundation/alumni relations, full-time. Kathleen received a BM in vocal performance from Oberlin Conservatory and is working on her BA in English from Oberlin College.

**Jeanne Pacheco**, x428, instructor, LPN program, full-time. Jeanne, a GCC grad, earned her BA and MA from UMass.

**John Palmer**, x352, coordinator, fitness/wellness/athletics, half-time. John, former athletic director, received a BS and a M.Ed. from Norwich University.

**Edward Preissler**, x244, associate dean for administrative services. Edward's BA, BBA and MBA all came from UMass, along with a M.Ed. from Springfield College.

**Judith Singley**, x348, coordinator, recreation and leisure services program, half-time (substituting for Jeanne Ashley who is on sabbatical).

**Sandra Sobek**, x279, counselor, part-time (substituting for Dave Patrick who is on sabbatical). Sandra's BA comes from UMass/Amherst and her M.Ed. from Antioch University.

**James Vaughan**, 774-6866, lead instructor, CAPS Program, full-time. Jim earned his associate's degree at GCC.

**Virginia Wahl**, x428, coordinator, LPN program, full-time. Virginia has a BSN from University of Bridgeport and an MS from Hunter College.

**Stella Xanthakos**, x350, assistant professor, criminal justice, full-time. Stella received her BA from UMass and a JD from Antioch School of Law.

In the evening division...

**Bryna Greenspan**, instructor, biology. Bryna has a BS from New York University and an MS from UMass/Amherst.

**Michael Haberman**, instructor, English. Michael has a BA from Reed College in Portland, OR, and an MA and PhD from UMass/Amherst.

**Fraidoon Hovaizi**, instructor, economics and business. Hailing from Iran, Fraidoon holds a BA from UMass/Boston and an MS and Ph.D. from UMass/Amherst.

**Deborah Leonczyk**, instructor, DAT. Deborah holds a BA from UMass/Amherst.

## Children's books

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a collection of children's books written from a variety of cultural perspectives. They are donating selected books to the library with the hope that students will be encouraged to take them home for their children to learn more about other cultures. Some of the titles added to the children's book collection over the summer include: *Chicken Sunday* by Patricia Polacco, *Ben's Trumpet* by Rachel Isadora (Caldecott Honor Book), and *Over the Green Hills* by Rachel Isadora (set in the Transkei, South Africa). The Library hopes to continue adding to the collection on a regular basis and invites recommendations and donations.